OLD ENGLAND.

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O quam miſerum eſt neſcire —— SEN.

AFTER all the Boaſt of our Miniſter's ſucceſsful Negociations at the Court of *Spain* ſince the *Definitive* Treaty of *Aix*, we are now told, that all which his *great Abilities* have been able to effect there, is no more than what the *Spaniards* had offer'd at *Aix*, viz. to refer the reciprocal Demands of both Nations to the Determination of *France*. If this Conduct in them reflects Honor on their Tenaciouſneſs, it caſts a great Shade of Diſgrace on us, for truſting our Affairs to a future Negociation with a People whom long Experience hath taught are not eaſily wrought into a Change of Sentiments, and whoſe political Conduct, ſince the Peace of *Utrecht*, has been notoriouſly actuated by that very Nation, which they now propoſe as Arbitrator in common between them and us. This is ſo great an Inſult on the Underſtanding of our Mi-ſtry, that it can't well be paſſed over with Honor, without putting the *Spaniſh* Court to ſuch an Explanation as may better ſuit the Honour of *Great Britain* to receive, than that of obtruding her natural Enemy upon her as an indifferent Arbitrator, after having drawn her in by the Lump into a Peace, under the ſpecious Aſſurance of accommodating Particulars at a future Day.

The *Britiſh* Merchants remain unſatisfied ſtill, and conſequently our *Weſt-India* Trade and Commerce ſtand upon the ſame precarious Footing they did, when the Parliament thought it high Time to addreſs the Throne, over the Head of a corrupt Miniſter, to aſſert our Freedom of Trade in *America* againſt the Uſurpations of *Spain*.

It is now about ſeventeen Months ſince *the Definitive Treaty of Chriſtian, univerſal, and perpetual Peace, Friendſhip and Union*, &c. was concluded at *Aix la Chapelle*. A pompous Title this, to ſerve as a proper Bait to catch a Gudgeon-M***y! How well it correſponds with Matter of Fact, I leave to the Conſideration of thoſe that can *read* and obſerve, and to the Explanation of *him* who ſhewed how well he could *write* for the Emolument and Honour of his Country. Enquire at the A****y, and know further; or, ſix Months hence, at the S****y's Office at W**ll. I ſay, 'tis about ſeventeen Months ſince the Concluſion of the *Definitive Treaty*; and yet it remains ſtill unrefined; while, in the interim, we ſtand at the Courteſy of *Spain* for *free* Sailing and Commerce in the *Weſt-Indies*, and are referred at laſt, after an Amuſement of above a Year and half, to *France*, her faſt Friend and Ally, to know whether we ſhall have it or not.

The buſy intermeddling of *France* in all the Affairs, and in every Court, of *Europe*, is too notorious to need Comment. It is to render herſelf of reſpectable Weight and Conſideration in the Eye of the World, and to have it appear that her Power and Counſels can alone give Peace or War, and thereby make herſelf the univerſal Object of Application, and render *Paris* the Centre of Buſineſs, in Imitation of old *Rome*, whoſe Inſolence and Artifice ſhe has thoroughly copied, but fails in her Lines of Virtue and Magnanimity. *Ruſſia* alone withſtands her Allurements, and has therefore been the Object of *Gallic* Malice and Intrigues, which however ſhe has always happily detected, and had the Courage to diſmiſs, tho' under a public Character, a Succeſſion of overbuſy Agents in Iniquity from her Court with Diſgrace; and will receive no Miniſter from that faithleſs Court, without ſuch previous Satisfaction given as ſhe ſhall dictate herſelf, for the Diſturbances and Revolutions which were meditated and endeavoured to be put in Practice againſt the *Ruſſian* Government.

However, this inexorable Female Throne, ſupported by the Abilities of a great Miniſter, can't be ſaid to practice the Virtues of Chriſtianity ſo well as that of another Country, under the ſteady Adminiſtration of Two *greater Miniſters*, Brothers in Virtue and political Abilities, who have, with much patient ſuffering, overlooked many groſs Affronts which had been put upon their Maſter from the ſame reſtleſs Quarter: No leſs than the cheriſhing a Pretender to his Throne, attempting an Invaſion into his Dominions, and inſtigating and ſupporting a Rebellion in the very Midſt of them, which had infallibly ſucceeded if Providence had not interpoſed and ſeconded the Sagacity of his Miniſters, firſt to repel it and afterwards to procure a *Definitive* Treaty of Peace to prevent another. Theſe are Virtues which few Courts practice beſides this I have mention'd, and therefore muſt be ſuperior to the unforgiving Court of *Ruſſia* in *brotherly* Charity, good Will and *Peace* towards Mankind.

France is now upon the very Point of acquiring the univerſal Power which *Spain* aimed at when connected with the Houſe of *Auſtria*; for tho' ſhe has not made a Conqueſt of the *Europæan* World, yet her Artifice and Intrigues have done more than her Arms; ſo that the Power of *Europe* ſeems to be lodged wholly in the Councils of *Verſailles*. Could *Spain* have ſtooped to practice the ſame Meaneſſes as *France* does, ſhe had certainly effected her Purpoſe: But ſhe was too haughty, and ſcorned to ſteal univerſal Power by undermining Practices of Corruption and Diſſimulation with the leſſer States, which if ſhe had done, and kept them neuter 'till ſhe had conquered *France*, the principal Object of her Arms, ſhe might have played the *Polyphemus* upon the reſt, and been Miſtreſs of all *Europe*. Such Methods were below the arrogant Grandeur of a *Hiſpa-Auſtrian* Court, which nothing would content but open Conqueſt, *Alexandrian* or *Cæſarian* Victory!

She went a great Way in this Manner, inſomuch that *Charles* V. took *Francis* I. of *France* Priſoner at the Battle of *Pavia*, who, after having been detained thirteen Months in *Spain*, was ſet at Liberty upon hard Conditions, or rather very eaſy ones, for the tricking Genius of the *French* was even then ſo prevalent, that the States of the Kingdom would not ſuffer him to perform any one of them. This cauſed a new War and the Troubles of *France* happening ſometime after, the *Spaniards* took Advantage of them, and gained Ground, which engaging us againſt them, to avert their Project of univerſal Power, the Peace of *Veroins* enſued, and eſtabliſhed the magnanimous *Henry* IV. in the peaceable Poſſeſſion of the Throne of *France*, which afterwards, under the Genius of Cardinal *Richlieu*, gained the Aſcendancy over *Spain*, and enabled *Louis Quatorze* to finiſh not only what the Cardinal had ſo ſucceſsfully carried on, but to ſet up *France* to ſucceed *Spain* in her Project of enſlaving *Europe*; to which the miſtaken Politics of *Cromwell*, in the Aſſiſtance he gave the *French*, greatly contributed: Whereas the long Parliament before him wiſely kept theſe two Powers in equal Ballance.

Our *Charles* II. fell into the like Miſtake with *Cromwell*, and aſſiſted the *French* againſt the *Dutch*, which had like to have finiſhed the Liberties of *Europe*, if the Prince of *Orange* had not happily ſtemm'd their Power, and given the Fortune of *France* ſuch a Turn, after he was King of *England*, that Queen *Anne* was enabled to finiſh the Reverſe of Fortune; and yet we find the Power of *France* now branched out over the better Moiety of *Europe*, and giving Law to the whole, and conſequently threatens the whole with imminent Danger.

Spain, that contended ſo long with the Houſe of *Bourbon*, is now under her Influence; and I think all the Dominions that belonged to that Crown in *Italy* (except *Milan*) with the Addition of *Parma*, *Placentia*, and *Guaſtala*. She has alſo in her Hands *Sicily* and *Majorca* in the *Mediterranean*. The *Franche Comte* in *Germany* is annexed to *France*. *Straſbourg*, *Lorrain*, &c. are likewiſe her's. She has alſo all the Country of *Artois*, the beſt Part of *Hainault*, Part of *Luxemburgh*, and near a Moiety of the *Spaniſh* Provinces in the *Netherlands*, if we except *Holland*. So that *France*, as it may be well ſaid, beſides her own natural Power, is aggrandized by the Poſſeſſion of many conſiderable Parcels of, and commands almoſt all, the vaſt *Hiſpa-Auſtrian* Dominions, which overpowered her heretofore: So that ſhe has not only got her great Rival down, but faſt in her Hands to actuate as ſhe thinks fit.

How low is *Spain* fallen! Herſelf and moſt of her *Europæan* Dominions become as it were Provinces of *France*, to which ſhe was ſo long a Terror! *Cromwell*, as I ſaid, begun it; and *Charles* II. furthered it: But *William* III. ſtop'd her Progreſs, and *Anne* revers'd her Fortunes for a while, 'till the Peace of *Utrecht* aggrandized her again. *Walpole*'s Adminiſtration added ſtill to her Power, and the Peace of *Aix* has done yet more! But, however juſtly we may cenſure the Miniſtry of Queen *Anne* for the Peace of *Utrecht*, yet ſtand they more excuſable than any of their negociating Succeſſors; as there was no Proviſion made how *Spain* was to be diſpoſed of in caſe *Charles* of *Auſtria*, whoſe Claim the Allies eſpouſed, ſhould become Emperor of *Germany*; for to add *Spain* and the *Indies* to the Empire, would make the Houſe of *Auſtria* too formidable among the Powers of *Europe*, and reſtore the Days of *Charles* V. or at leaſt of *Philip* II. againſt whom we fought under *Elizabeth* in Conjunction with *France*, to reduce the Exorbitance of Power. To raiſe a Houſe to the ſame Pitch as when we had endeavoured to depreſs it, would be inconſiſtent; and therefore, as *Philip* Duke of *Anjou* appeared to be entituled under the Will of the late King of *Spain*, whatever Practices might have been uſed to obtain it, his Claim was more conſiſtent with the Liberties of *Europe* than that of *Charles*, and therefore was preferred, with a Renunciation of his Poſſibility of ſucceeding to the Crown of *France*. But the Conduct of *Walpole* in favour of Don *Carlos*, and of his Faction ſince in favour of Don *Phillip*, are without Apology; more eſpecially, as they had ſeen the Inconveniences that aroſe to the reſt of *Europe* from the Acceſſion of *Spain* to the Houſe of *Bourbon*.

Since therefore it is evident, that the ſetling our Demands on *Spain* depends on *France*, we had as well tranſlate our Miniſter from *Madrid* to *Paris*, that we may loſe no more Time among a People who are under Influence and Controul, and cannot act for themſelves.

An EPITAPH.

PURSU'D by Vengeance, catch'd by Death,
By Heav'n curs'd, here lies beneath,
From Juſtice and the World withdrawn,
The noted Perſecutor *V*——;
The dirty Scavenger of Law,
Innoxious, without Fang or Claw;
Judge, Jury, Witneſs, and Attorney,
Readers beware, or he'll ſuborn ye!
Or from his *proſecuting Shop*,
Trump and prove th' Indictment up.
Her *Fi. Fa.* Juſtice iſſu'd forth,
And ſeiz'd on all poor *Tom* was worth;
While the *Ca. Sa.* infernal Scrowl!
Its Execution took his Soul;
And thus made out the Saying true,
Give to Belzebub *his Due.*
If 'mong the Vulgar it prevails,
The Devil lives in Midſt of *Wales*,
It ſurely can't be now denied,
The Devil in the Midſt on't died.

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And pelted each other with Anecdotes well,
While, alternate, to Recriminations they fell.

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LONDON.

Sunday died at his Houſe in College-Hill, Sir Samuel Pennant, Knt. Lord Mayor of this City, much lamented by all that knew him. His Lordſhip was choſen Alderman of Biſhopſgate Ward on the 30 of June 1742, in the room of Sir Robert Godſchall, who died in his Mayoralty. He ſerved the Office of Sheriff in 1743, and when the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen addreſſed his Majeſty, the 30th of September in that Year, on the taking of Cape Breton, &c. he had the Honour of Knighthood conferred on him, together with Sir Henry Marſhal, (then Lord Mayor) and Sir John Boſworth Chamberlain of this City. And Thurſday Night his Lordſhip was privately interred (agreeable to his own Deſire) at his Pariſh Church, St. Michael Royal, College-hill. The Pall was ſupported by the following Aldermen, Sir Henry Marſhal, Knt. William Benn, Eſq; Sir Robert Ladbroke, Knt. Francis Cockayne, William Whitaker, and Stephen Theodore Janſſen, Eſqrs.

And Tueſday at a Court of Huſtings held for the Purpoſe John Blachford, and Francis Cockayne, Eſqrs. Aldermen, were returned by the Common Hall to the Court of Aldermen, who made Choice of Mr. Alderman Blachford.

Wedneſday was held a Wardmote for electing an Alderman of Biſhopſgate-Ward, in the room of Sir Samuel Pennant, Knt. deceaſed, when Matthew Blackiſton, Eſq; an eminent Grocer in the Strand, was unanimouſly choſen.

Mr. Richard Wetherby, Mr. Simon Pain, and one more of Ealing and Brentford, who were of the laſt Middleſex Jury at the Old Baily, are ſince dead; as is Mr. Peters of Turnham Green, and one more very dangerouſly ill: But we do not hear that the ſuppoſed Infection communicates itſelf to any Body elſe.

A Gentleman attended the Court of Aldermen on Tueſday laſt, with a Meſſage from the Right Hon. the Lord Chief Junice Lee, to acquaint them of the Neceſſity of ſome new Regulation to be made concerning the Jail of Newgate; or it would be dangerous for Perſons to attend the Buſineſs of the Seſſions at the Old Bailey. To the Meſſage was annexed a Liſt of upwards of 20 Perſons that were at the laſt Seſſions, who have ſince died, as it is thought, from the noiſome Stench of the Priſoners.

His Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales has ſignified to the Court of Aldermen, that he will receive the Compliments of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council of this City, on the Princeſs's ſafe delivery of a Prince, on Wedneſday the 13th of June next, at Leiceſter Houſe.

Admiral Vernon, Lieut. Gen. Oglethorpe, Alderman Janſſen, Governor Davis, Mr. Craieſteyn, and Mr. Edwards, the Gentlemen choſen, by the Encouragers of the Britiſh Fiſhery, to fit out Buſſes to prevent loſing the preſent Seaſon, met on Thurſday ſe'nnight, and examined the Three Maſter Fiſhermen, lately arrived from Holland with 27 others, all expert in the White Herring Fiſhery, being trained in the Dutch Service, and who, having viewed the Buſſes, Nets, &c. which have been built and prepared in the River for that Purpoſe ſince the paſſing of the Act, approved of the ſame, with ſome ſmall Alterations; ſo that the ſaid Veſſels will be out, to make the firſt Experiment, off Shetland next Month, purſuant to the Directions of the ſaid Act.

In a few Days their Graces the Duke aſtd Dutches of Richmond will ſet out for Cheſter, in order to embark for Ireland, their Baggage being put on Ship Board for that Purpoſe.

A Grant has paſſed the great Seal unto Francis William Le Maiſter, of the Office of Advocate General of the Iſland of Jerſey, on the ſurrender of Charles Lempriere, Eſq;

We hear that the Gentlemen of Cheſhire, Shropſhire and Montgomery, intend to petition the Regency to ſend 240 Soldiers, which at 200 Yards Diſtance will keep a Line of 30 Miles, to prevent infected Cattle being ſent into Wales.

Wedneſday ended the Election at Weſtminſter School, when the following Scholars were elected to Cambridge, viz. Meſſ. Sellon, Hinchcliffe, and Smith: And to Oxford, Meſſ. Borlace, Jaſon, Baggot, and Fletcher.

Laſt Monday died in Winchester Street in the 23d Year of his Age, Lieut. John Cavallier, of the Royal Regiment of Artillery, Nephew to the late Major General Cavillier.

Wedneſday died at his Houſe in Turnmill Lane, London Stone, Mr. William Mann, an eminent Dry Salter. This Gentleman was at the Old Bailey the laſt Seſſions.

On Wedneſday laſt the Corpſe of the late Earl of Tilney was landed from on board a Ship at Galley Key, from Aix in Province, which was immediately carried to Wamſtead in Eſſex, in order to be interred amongſt his Anceſtors.

Dr. Barrowby, who attended the late Lord Mayor in his Illneſs, continues dangerouſly ill, at his Houſe in Devonſhire Square.

Monday died John Seyliard, Eſq; of Pendhill in Surry, one of his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for that County.

They write from Inverneſs, that the Rev. Mr. Alexander Fraſer, Miniſter of the Goſpel, at that Place died the 5th Inſtant, in the 76th Year of his Age, and 48 of his Miniſtry.

Laſt Saturday died Mr. Burgeſs, one of the Beadles, of St. Giles's Pariſh, of the Bruiſes he received from a Dray going over his Body. The Coroner's Inqueſt have ſince ſat on the Body, and brought in their Verdict Wilful Murder, againſt Ambroiſe Smith, the Drayman now in New Priſon.

Laſt Thurſday Night one Armſtrong, of Goldſmith's Alley, St. Giles's quarrelleng with his Wife, their Son endeavouring to part them, the Father took a Knife and ſtabbed him in the Neck, of which he inſtantly died.

Monday the India Company received Advice, that the Dorrington, Capt. Crabb, the Doddington, Capt. Maſon, the Admiral Vernon, Capt. Cook, the Pelham, Capt. Lindſay, and the Somerſet, Capt. Tolſon, from China arrived on Sunday laſt in the Downs. The Rhoda, Capt. M'Namara, the Delawar, Capt. Stephens, the Edgcott, Capt. Pierce, from China, and the Cheſterfield, Capt. Carter, from Fort St. David's, were ſeen off Beachy Head; the latter ſailed from St. Helena the 18th of March. The Royal Duke Capt. Cuming, from Fort St George having ſprung her Foretop Maſt, was gone to Batavia to refit. The Monford, Capt. Hanſlapp, the Sandwich, Capt. Petre and the Griffin, Capt. Dithick, were left at Canton.

The Duke of Cumberland, Capt. Oſborne, bonnd for China is loſt on the Cape de Verd Iſlands; the People ſaved. She had on board a great Quantity of Money, and there were great Hopes of its being ſaved.

By Letters from the Eaſt Indies we are informed that at Fort St. David's and Madraſs, great Preparations were making, to put them in as good a Poſture of Defence as they were before they were beſieged by the French; and that the Kings Hoſpital at Cudalore was laid down, and converted into Dwellings, &c.

Laſt Week a Dog, belonging to a Perſon at Kempſey Worceſterſhire, running mad bit above a Dozen People who to avoid the Effects that proceed from ſuch Accident went to be dipped in the Salt Water.

We hear from Wareham in Dorſetſhire, that on Monday laſt there was ſeen near that Town ſuch an innumerable Number of Caterpillars, that, on their firſt Appearance greatly alarmed the People, thinking they had been a Croud of Locuſts coming to pay them a Viſit; but tho' they did not do ſo much Damage at that Animal generally does, yet wherever they alighted, they preſently devoured every Thing that was green; but providentially, the next Day the Wind chopped about to the N. E. when, in their Flight they were blown off to Sea, were 'tis thought they all periſhed.

Mrs. Keith's Corpſe was removed from her Houſe in May-Fair the Middle of October laſt, to an Apothecary's in South Audley Street, where ſhe lies in a Room hung with Mourning, and is to continue there till Mr. Keith can attend her Funeral. ——Several Perſons, longing to Churches and Chapels, together with many others, ſuppoſing the Marriages at May Fair New Chapel to be detrimental to their Intereſt, have made it their Buſineſs to rave and clamour, but in ſuch a Manner as not to deſerve an Anſwer, becauſe every Thing they have ſaid tends only to expoſe their own Ignorance and Malice, in the Opinion of People of good Senſe and Underſtanding. The Way to Mr. Keith's Chapel is thro' Piccadilly, by the End of St. James's-Street, and down Clarges-Street, and is on the Left Hand. The Marriages (together with a Licence on a Five Shilling Stamp, and Certificate) are carried on for a Guinea, as uſual, any Time 'till four in the Afternoon, by another regular Clergyman, at Mr. Keith's Little Chapel in May Fair, near Hyde-Park-Corner, oppoſite the Great Chapel, and within Ten Yards of it. There is a Porch at the Door like a Country Church Porch.

On Monday laſt James Pattle, the famous Gamſter, who was committed to the Poultry Compter on Thurſday 7-Night mentioned in our laſt, was brought up to Guild-hall, and re-examined before Mr. Alderman Dickenſon, upon a freſh Charge againſt him, by a poor Countryman, for defrauding him of 76 Guineas, by the ſame Method of cutting the Cards. This unfortunate Countryman is ſervant to a Grazier in Suſſex, and had been ſelling ſome Cattle in Smithfield, when on his return home he met with this notorious Fellow, who by the common Trick of dropping a Shilling decoyed him into a Houſe, where he found means to defraud him of the ſaid Sum, whereupon he was committed to Newgate.

William Duncalf, now a Priſoner in the New Jail Southwark, charged with being concerned with James Cooper in the Robbery and Murder of Robert Saxby, near Croydon in Surry, having a Mortification in one of his Feet, it was thought proper, by the Advice of ſeveral eminent Surgeons in order to preſerve him, if poſſible, for public Juſtice, to cut off his Leg a little below the Knee, which Operation was performed laſt Wedneſday. A very extraordinary and melancholy diſcovery has been made by theſe unhappy Wretches of a Robbery they committed upon William Jackſon of Addington, a Farmer in a Lane called Addiſcomb Lane, near Croydon in Surry, on Saturday the 12th of February 1749; for which Fact John Shelton and Charles Kellet, two Farriers were indicted, arraigned and tried at the laſt Aſſizes held at Guildford for the ſaid County: The Proſecutor ſwearing poſitively to John Shelton, he received Sentence of Death, and was executed for the ſame.

Thrift the Executioner, whoſe Sentence was reſpited for 14 Days, has had another Reſpite during the Pleaſure of the Lords of the Regency.

On Monday laſt was committed to the Poultry Compter, one Mary Browne, on the Oath of Mr. Hutchinſon of Leadenhall Market, for being found in his Shop that Morning about four o'Clock, with a Quantity of Meat ready bundled up for carrying away. Upon ſearching her there was found a Key which could unlock his Door. Mr. Hutchinſon has often been robbed, yet always found his Door locked, and could never detect any one before this Woman.

Yeſterday 7-Night a Villain got into the Houſe of Mr. Jones a Linnen draper at Chiſlehurſt in Kent by breaking thro' the Tiling an Roof; he immediately went to her Bedſide and waked her, by demanding her Money, &c. To which ſhe anſwered, It was in her Pockets on the Bed, which he rifled: He then tied her Hands with a Cord, and demanded where the reſt of her Money was; to which ſhe replied, It was in the Drawer next to the Window; he then obliged her to get out of Bed, to lead him to the Drawers, from whence he took a Purſe of Money, and got clear off, by jumping out of the one Pair of Stairs Window. It is to be obſerved, that all this was done in the Dark; and as the Perſon is known, it is not doubted but that it will ſoon be brought to Puniſhment.

The laſt Letters from Warſaw import, that they had an Account, that the Haydamacks had plundered a Village called the Chevaſtow, and carried the People into Captivity. 'Tis added, that in the Senatus Conſilium two Points were carried, viz. that 20000 Dollers ſhould be paid to Count Lagnaſco, that takes Care of the Poliſh Affairs at Rome, and 500 Dollars to St. Staniſlaus's Hoſpital at Rome, for maintaining the Pilgrims. The Extraordinary Diet will be held at Warſaw the latter End of July.

From the Paris, A-la-main, May 29.

By Letters received from Genoa, bearing Date the 18th of this Inſt. May, we are informed, that the ſmall Frigate which had landed the Duke of Hamilton, who is actually ſet out for the Court of Turin, ſet ſail on the 16th Inſt. for Leghorn, to which Port the Captain carried a very conſiderable Sum of Money.

SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh, May 17. On the 9th Inst. the Circuit sat down at Dumfries, when, among other Delinquents, Andrew Hownam, Weaver in Langholm, Effie Johnſon his Spouſe, James John and Margaret Hownams his Children, were all tried for a violent and extraordinary Riot committed upon Simon Fletcher and his Wife and Family, by beating, wounding and bruiſing them with Staves, &c and leaving ſome of them for dead, on the Spot, and particularly beating cruelly Simon's Wife, who had a ſucking Child at her Breaſt, which deſtroyed her Milk, and occaſioned the Child's Death; and the Jury, after a diſtinct Proof, found James, John and Margaret guilty, but the Libel againſt Andrew and his Wife not proven; on which the Lords fined the ſaid John and Margaret Hownams in 20 l. Sterling, to the private Proſecutors, and ordained the ſaid John to be whipped the 6th of next June, and both to remain in Priſon 'till the Fine is paid, and baniſhed James to the Plantations for Life, and aſſoiled the other two. Thereafter William Gorden, younger of Holm, being indicted for the Crime of invading the Houſe of William Tait of Lochenkitt, under Cloud of Night, with armed Force, and therefrom forcibly carrying off Margaret Tait, William's only Child, to his Father's Houſe, with a View to marry her, which he afterwards did, the Advocate deſiſte, reſtricting the Libel to an Arbitrary Puniſhment, the Panel Confeſſed his Guilt, and begged the Jury to recommend it to the Mercy of the Court, which they did, and he was fined in 20 l. and adjudged to be impriſoned in the Tolbooth of Dumfries for the Space of a Year, from the Date of the Sentence. Warrants are iſſued for apprehending five other Perſons, Aſſociates with him in the ſaid Affair.

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